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Selection of Clusters under SPMRM
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the details of criteria fixed for identification and selection of clusters under Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM)?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

With a view to develop rural clusters in the country, the Government is implementing a scheme called Shyama Prasad Mukherji Rurban Mission (SPMRM). The Mission aims at development of 300 clusters in all States and UTs. The development of these clusters under the mission includes economic activities, developing skills & local entrepreneurship and providing infrastructure amenities. The identification of clusters is done as per the methodology outlined below:

The State Governments select Gram Panchayats/cluster of geographically contiguous Gram Panchayats with a population of about 25000 to 50000 in plain and coastal areas and a population of 5000 to 15000 in desert, hilly or tribal areas as a SPMRM cluster and implement the Scheme in Mission Mode. It is desirable that the State Government identify Gram Panchayats that are potential growth centers with resources available in the area and could lead to the economic transformation of the region. There are two categories of clusters, Tribal and Non-Tribal.

Non-tribal Clusters: The selection of sub-districts by the Central Government is based on parameters such as (i) Decadal Growth in Rural Population (ii) Decadal Growth in Non Farm work force participation (iii) Presence of Economic Clusters (iv) Presence of places of Tourism and Pilgrimage significance and (v) Proximity to Transport Corridors.

Thereafter, within these identified sub districts, the State Governments select the clusters based on the following performance parameters:

i. Decadal growth in Rural Population.

ii. Rise in Land Values.

iii. Decadal growth in Non-Farm Work force participation.

iv. Percentage Enrollment of girls in secondary schools
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v. Percentage Households with Bank accounts under Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana.

vi. Performance in Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen).

vii. Good Governance Initiatives by Gram Panchayats.

Any other factor which the States may consider relevant is also included. However, a total weightage of 80% is given for the first four parameters and the States have the flexibility to choose the last three parameters, subject to a total weightage of 20%.

Tribal Clusters: For identification of the tribal clusters, the Central Government has selected the leading sub districts falling within the top 100 tribal districts of the country, based on the Scheduled Tribes population. The selection of the these sub districts is based on parameters such as (i) Decadal growth in Tribal Population (ii) Current Tribal Literacy Rate (iii) Decadal growth in Non-Farm Work force participation (iv) Decadal growth in Rural Population and (v) Presence of Economic Clusters.

Thereafter, within these sub districts, the State Government can select the clusters based on the following performance parameters:

i. Decadal growth in Tribal Population.

ii. Growth in Tribal Literacy rates.

iii. Decadal growth in Non-Farm Work force participation.

Any other factor which the States may consider relevant is also included in addition to the above three parameters, provided the weightage for the above three parameters is not reduced below 80%.

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